PATENT APPLICATION Q63842

IN THE UNITED STATES RECEIVING OFFICE (US/RO)

In re application of

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For: PNEUMATIC TIRE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend the same as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

4. (Amended) A pneumatic tire as set forth in Claim 1, characterized in that the angle formed between said shorter diagonal lines and said auxiliary grooves is within ± 20 degrees.